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SIR,

IT is not without great reaſon that Politians parallel the government of Kings in the little world of man, to the government of the Sun in the greater; the Univerſe, Though by many arguments this reſemblance may be demonſtrated, experience above all others hath lately proven it to be true unto us: Since your Majeſtie turned from our Tropick, we have ſuffered a ſharp Winter, many Eccliſpes, as many long and tedious nights

in the darkneſſe of which, we have wandered in many by-paths, and have been aſſaulted with many uncouth fears and ghoſtly ſhadows: But ſince it pleaſed Almightie God to bring your Majeſtie again to glance upon us; our ſpring beginneth, diſſipate is our darkneſſe, our feares all evaniſhed, and we are as men tranſported to ſome other world; and truly in one of the fortunate Iſlands; the Golden age is renewed unto us, Juſtice and Peace begin to kiſſe one another, every man returning to his wonted trade and lawfull calling: Of what during your abſence hath amongſt us fallen forth, no imputation can be laid to your Ma: ſuch who preſumed to take the reins of government and rule in your place, not being ſufficiẽt for ſo great acharge; like ſo many Phaetons *have wrought their own down fall, and our trouble, their weakneſſe interrupted and cut off, that mutual intelligence which ſhould have been between You, our Head and Prince, and us the bodie your Subjects; meere accidents occaſioned many ſurmiſes and great miſtakings, all being in-*

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creaſed and blown up by a panicall terrour and fear of ſervitude, which combyming with religious zeal, went near to produce an abortive chaos.

Doubts now are reſolved, all damps and miſtes cleared, and wee hope that ſaying ſhall prove true, Amantium iræ amoris redintegratio; *this aſſurance is wrought in us by that confidence we have of your Majeſties clemencie, which vertue is more proper to you then any Prince living: You are the common Father of your people, we are your children; ingratitude of children towards their Father, is accurſed, and crueltie of Fathers towards their children, unnaturall, though every vertue be requiſit in a Prince, yet Juſtice and clemencie are moſt in him to bee deſired, by which he is made good and wiſe, and approaches neareſt to the excellencies of his Maker, who is moſt juſt and moſt mercifull.*

We are here in a ſublunarie place, ſubject to alterations, producing occaſions, which wrought upon by others produce many miſ-in-

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telligences, and at length bringeth forth unexpected & marvellous abortives in State: God, Prudencie and Occasion are the three principall causes in the moderation of all estates, and these three concurring together, are called fatum: And certainly God to shew the unconstancie of the world, hath suffered this birth of mis-intelligence, which hath so long estranged and parted us from your Majestie; but now as ever we confesse you are our Saveraigne Lord, and we swear and declare we will live and die loyall Subjects to your Majestie, acknowledging you are ordained and placed over us by Almighty God, the King of kings: who least he should dazell our weak sight by his exceeding brightnesse, did not here below establish the throne of his excellency, but granted us to look upon it, by the representation of one Sunne in the heaven, and one Prince in the Commonwealth.

Accept Sir of our obedience, receive us into your wontid favour, and using your clemencie passe by what is by past, your justice also in this

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ſhall appear if you gather together and unite the diſperſed members of this Kingdome, if you calme all apparent troubles, eſtabliſh a laſting peace and tranquilitie amongſt your Subjects, who now put up their cryes to ſave and relieve them. It being more expedient thus to do, then by any rigour to exaſperat ſick mindes, & melius ſavare vitioſas partes quam exſecare, *remembring that to Princes,* qui benignitate & clementia nuperium tenuere candida & læta omnia fuiſſe.

As the clemency of King Henrie *the* 4. *your Father in law is perpetually praiſed, ſo the rigorous and great ſeveritie of* Charles *Duke of* Burgundie *againſt Liege, and the Emperor* Charles *the* 5 *againſt his people of* Gant, *is to all poſteritie branded and made blacke,* qui vult amari languidâ regnet manu. Pericles *before his death is ſaid to have accompted himſelf happie, that during his government none in* Athens *by wrong from him did wear a mourning weed: It is more expedient for the good of Your Crown to preſerve your whole people, then*

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then to sacrifice to your wrath any part of them, and so to loose that Gordian knot of difficulties, not with the sword of furie as Alexander did, but with the knife of prudencie as Solomon. Sir wee have long conceived hopes of your sweetnesse and debonaritie, but now is the time in which we shall finde the effects, Clemencie is the true and only praise of a Prince, his never fading lawrels which recommendeth him to all Nations, and after times.

Accept then of us your humble and faithfull Subjects; and thus (Sir) you shall be still obeyed, we assured, all your people shall redouble their prayers and vows for your prosperous Reigne, and acknowledge you not onely their King, but their deliverer, preserver, and father, Your designes shall have a happie successe upon earth, and your self an immortall crowne of Glorie, when the curtaines of this mortall stage shall be drawn in Heaven.

God save the King.